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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

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**Examiner**

Hwei-Siu C. Payer

**Art Unit**

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **Detailed Action**

### **Objection to the Abstract**

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract is too long (i.e. exceeds 150 words in text), and it is not limited to one single paragraph.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

### **Claims Objection**

Claims 1-26 are objected to because of the following informalities:

(1) In claim 1, lines 6 and 9, "pivotably mounted on" should read --for pivotably mounting on-- since the claimed invention is directed to a linkage mechanism, and the appliance body is not part of the claimed combination.

(2) In claim 5, lines 7 and 10, "pivotably mounted on" should read --for pivotably mounting on-- since the claimed invention is directed to a linkage mechanism, and the appliance body is not part of the claimed combination.

(3) In claim 6, line 3, "5" should read --16--, and "I" should be deleted.

(4) In claim 18, line 2, "the shaver body" should read --the body-- (note line 3 of claim 1).

(5) In claim 19, line 1, "links" should read --link members--.

(6) In claim 22, line 1, after "head (1)", --carrying at least one hair removal member and-- should be added, and "a head (1) carrying at least one hair removal

member;" (at line 4 of the claim) should be deleted, since the claimed invention is directed to a linkage mechanism, and the head of the hair removal appliance is not part of the claimed combination.

(7) In claim 22, line 5, "pivotally connected to" should read --for pivotally connecting to-- since the claimed invention is directed to a linkage mechanism, and the head of the appliance is not part of the claimed combination.

(8) In claim 22, line 7, "pivotably mounted to" should read --for pivotably mounting to-- since the claimed invention is directed to a linkage mechanism, and the appliance body is not part of the claimed combination.

(9) In claim 22 (at line 10) and claim 23 (at line 2), "pivotably mounted on" should read --for pivotably mounting on-- since the claimed invention is directed to a linkage mechanism, and the appliance body is not part of the claimed combination.

(10) In claim 22 (at lines 11-12) and claim 23 (at line 3), "said first and second said support arms" should be simply read --said first and second support arms--.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### **Indication of Allowable**

1. Claims 1-26 are objected to but would be allowable if amended to over the objection as set forth.
2. Claim 27 is allowed.

### **Prior Art Citations**

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wetzel et al. and Eichhorn et al. are cited as art of interest.

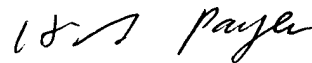
### **Point of Contact**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hwei-Siu C. Payer whose telephone number is 703-308-1405. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 703-308-1082. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for official communications and 703-746-3293 for proposed amendments.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.

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